

COMMITTEE FOR PUBLIC COUNSEL SERVICES
44 Bromfield Street
Boston, MA 02108

Position Posting

ATTORNEY-IN-CHARGE, Alternative Commitment Unit
Committee for Public Counsel Services

The Public Defender Division of the Committee for Public Counsel Services, the Massachusetts public defender agency, is seeking a full-time attorney to serve as Attorney-in-Charge of its Alternative Commitment Unit office in Brockton. Attorneys interested in applying for a four-year term as Attorney-in-Charge of the office are invited to submit an application.

Description of Office:

The CPCS Alternative Commitment Unit office is comprised of the Attorney-in-Charge, three staff attorneys and an administrative assistant. The caseload consists of proceedings under G.L. c. 123A seeking the initial commitment to, or the release from continued confinement at, the Massachusetts Treatment Center in Bridgewater of indigent persons alleged to be “sexually dangerous persons.” Attorneys appear in Superior Court divisions primarily throughout eastern Massachusetts, but may on occasion appear in Superior Court divisions in central and western Massachusetts as necessary.

Requirements:

The following attributes are required for the position of Attorney-in-Charge:

- eligible to practice law in Massachusetts;
- ability to combine administrative and managerial skills with significant trial experience and supervisory capability;
- possess sufficient Superior Court or equivalent jury trial experience to be able to assist attorney staff in the development of trial strategies and skills, motions practice, and the myriad other tasks that trial lawyers undertake;
- administrative ability to ensure that cases are assigned appropriately, attorneys’ schedules and caseloads are reasonable, and files and monthly case statistics are properly maintained;
- ability to supervise attorneys, provide in-house training, and disseminate information about developments in the law and other relevant matters;
- provide certification training to attorneys in the private bar wishing to represent clients under 123A
- ability to complete annual staff performance evaluations in a timely and comprehensive manner; and
- familiarity with CPCS personnel policies, and the ability to ensure staff compliance with the provisions of those policies.

Previous experience defending persons in SDP proceedings is strongly preferred.

The Attorney-in-Charge also will be responsible for supervision and management of support staff. The Attorney-in-Charge will be expected to attend regular meetings with other Public Defender Division office heads and the Deputy Chief Counsel to discuss management and policy issues. The Attorney-in-Charge also will be expected to work cooperatively with the CPCS Mental Health Unit on training and legal issues, and maintain a professional relationship and leadership role with the assigned private SDP bar.

Salary

The salary for this position is commensurate with experience. The salary range is \$86,000 to \$92,500.

Application

It is preferred that applications be submitted by e-mail. Interested candidates should submit a letter of interest, including therein a description of the candidate's jury trial and supervisory experience, as well as a description of experience with SDP proceedings. A resume should also be included. It is preferred that applications be submitted as document attachments to an e-mail directed to:

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Applications should be submitted by September 30, 2006, but may be accepted until the position is filled.

This office is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.